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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Each of the listed Japanese documents was cited during prosecution of a Japanese counterpart application. The remaining listed documents are believed to be English language counterparts of the Japanese documents. In particular, U.S. Patent No. 5,287,218 is believed to correspond to JP No. 6-27832; U.S. Patent No. 5,661,604 is believed to correspond to JP No. 7-181391; U.S. Patent No. 5,825,553 is believed to correspond to JP No. 7-218844; U.S. Patent No. 5,969,882 is believed to correspond to JP No. 11-109244; and EP 1079253 A1 is believed to correspond to JP No. 11-354436. Applicants are not aware of an English language counterpart of JP No. 10-308345. English-language abstracts are also enclosed for each of the Japanese documents.


It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned, with an indication that the cited documents have been considered.

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